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Summary Information

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Biographical Note

Little is known about Carl McCulloch. It is possible he was a relative of Reverend Oscar McCulloch, perhaps even his father, Carleton McCulloch.

Reverend Oscar Carleton McCulloch (1843-1891) became head of Plymouth Congregational Church in 1877 and became an influential proponent of organized charity in Indianapolis, Indiana. His leadership of Plymouth Church fostered his congregation's growing involvement in the social gospel movement, as evidenced by their philanthropic activities in education, employment, and health care. McCulloch served as president of the Indianapolis Benevolent Society (1879-1891) and a creator and president (1882-1891) of the Indianapolis Charity Organization Society, and president of the National Council of Charities and Correction (1891). He used his experience working with poor families, such as the Ishmaels, in Indianapolis to conduct a 10-year study of the environmental and genetic factors affecting poverty. His research among the so-called "tribe of Ishmael," influenced by Social Darwinist theory of the day and Richard L. Dugdale's study of the Jukes family in New York, contributed to the growing body of work supporting the eugenics movement.

Sources:

Some Ancestry.com records.

Forbes, J. Thomas. "Oscar Carleton McCulloch." *Encyclopedia of Indianapolis*. Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 1994.

Kramer, Elsa L. "Recasting the Tribe of Ishmael: The Role of Indianapolis's Nineteenth-Century Poor in Twentieth-Century Eugenics." *Indiana Magazine of History* 104 (March 2008): 36-64.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes a Plymouth (Congregational) Church membership form belonging to Carl McCulloch in Indianapolis, Indiana, issued on April 12, 1887 and signed by Reverend Oscar C. McCulloch. The form describes the duties, principles, and activities of Plymouth Church members.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Geographic Name(s)

- Indianapolis (Ind.)

Personal Name(s)

- McCulloch, Oscar C. (Oscar Carleton), 1843-1891
- Plymouth Church (Indianapolis, Ind.)

Subject(s)

- Church membership
- Social gospel